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and Disposing of Drill Cuttings

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P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is an Amendment in response to the Office Action on the merits dated June 26, 2003 in the above identified application.

The amendment presents Claims 1 – 10 and 22 – 31 for further examination, while withdrawing Claims 11 – 21 and adding new Claims 32 – 35. With this amendment, four (4) new dependent claims are added. The fee for each claim in excess of 20 is \$9.00. The total fee for the additional claims now present are 4 x \$9.00 = \$36.00. A U.S. Postal Service Money Order in the amount of \$36.00 is enclosed to cover the fees for the new claims.

Also enclosed is a Petition Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a Two Month Extension of Time. Applicant is a small entity. The fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2) for the Petition for a Two Month Extension is \$210.00. A U.S. Postal Service Money Order in the amount of \$210.00 is enclosed to cover the fees for the Petition. Also enclosed is a Certificate of Mailing.

With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures:

Amendment
Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time
U.S. Postal Money Order in the amount of \$36.00
U.S. Postal Money Order in the amount of \$210.00
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I, Lucinda M. Kennedy, certify that the foregoing Amendment in Response to Office Action, Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time, two (2) Money Orders in the amount of \$36.00 and \$210.00 is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service by Express Mail (#EU899219462US) addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 24th day of September, 2003.


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